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SUBJECT: SUDAN CONCERN OVER SOVIET INTENTIONS

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1. WAS ABLE BRIEF ACTING FONMIN DENG ON CONTENTS
REF B (WHICH SUGGEST DEPARTMENT REPEAT TO MOSCOW,
MOGADISCIO AND TRIPOLI) JUNE 27 DURING MEETING
WHICH COVERED SEVERAL OTHER SUBJECTS. DENG LISTENED
CAREFULLY TO DEPARTMENT ANALYSIS SOVIET-LIBYA AND
SOVIET-ETHIOPIA RELATIONS AND OF SOVIET INTENTIONS
IN HORN. AN AIDE TOOK CAREFUL NOTES, AND I BELIEVE
IT LIKELY THAT INFO WILL BE PASSED TO TOP SUDANGOV
LEADERSHIP.

2. DENG SAID OUR ANALYSIS WAS ABOUT WHAT HE
HAD EXPECTED. HE MADE IT CLEAR, HOWEVER, THAT
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SUDANGOV FEELS IT SIMPLY CANNOT TAKE AS RELAXED

A VIEW SOVIET INTENTIONS AS US APPARENTLY DOES.
NOTING DIFFERENCE BETWEEN EVIDENCE AND ANALYSIS,
I SAID I BELIEVED DEPARTMENT REPORT WAS BASED ON
ALL EVIDENCE AVAILABLE TO US AS WELL OUR ANALYSIS
OF SOVIET BEHAVIOR ON BASIS OF MANY YEARS OF VERY

CLOSE OBSERVATION.

3. DENG, HOWEVER, MADE DISTINCTION BETWEEN SOVIET INTENTIONS AND LIBYAN-ETHIOPIAN ASSUMPTIONS OF WHAT THEY COULD DO AND DEGREE TO WHICH SOVIETS WOULD BACK THEM. MOREOVER, HE SAID SOVIETS COULD FIND THEMSELVES MORE OR LESS REQUIRED TO SUPPORT EITHER COUNTRY EVEN IF IN SPECIFIC INSTANCES IT DID NOT FULLY APPROVE WHAT WAS BEING DONE. INTERESTINGLY, IN SPEECH MONDAY EVENING (KHARTOUM 2148) NIMEIRI MADE SIMILAR ARGUMENT AND HE SAID USSR MUST ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR ACTIONS TAKEN BY RECIPIENTS SOVIET ARMS.

4. COMMENT: DENG APPRECIATED OUR REPORT AND HE SAID HE SHOULD BE HAPPY QUOTE LIKE A SICK MAN WHO IS TOLD BY DOCTOR NOTHING IS WRONG. UNQUOTE. HOWEVER, SUSPICION OF SOVIET INTENTIONS REMAINS AS WELL AS CONCERN OVER CONSEQUENCES OF UNDERESTIMATING THREAT. DENG SAID HE WOULD COMPARE OUR ANALYSIS WITH THAT OF SUDANGOV EXPERTS (WHO ARE NOT RPT NOT IN FOREIGN MINISTRY).
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